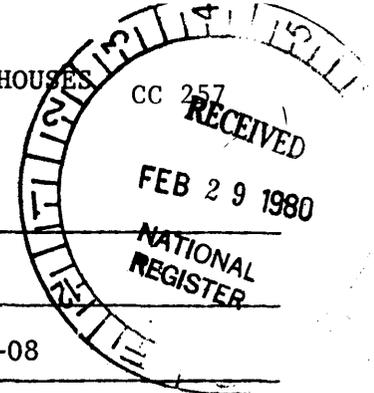


THEMATIC NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION - GEORGIA COURTHOUSES



ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Stephens County Courthouse

Location: Courthouse Square, Toccoa, Ga. 30577

Cost: Unknown Date of Construction: 1907-08

Architect/builder: H. L. Lewman (Louisville, Ky.) Contractor: Falls City Construction Co. (Louisville, Ky.)

Subsequent architects: \_\_\_\_\_

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

Map T.1 BK.2 Par. 1  
 Zone 17/E286190/N3828700  
 UTM NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION:

Style: Neo-Classical

Facade Material: Brick/Stone

Condition:  Excellent  Good  Fair

Boundary: The entire block or square upon which the courthouse sits.

Acreage: 2 acres

Fair structural condition - in need of repairs.

*see 7/21/80 for verification of structural soundness*

The Ionic tetrastyle portico is pedimented, with an oculus in the center of the pediment, and the name 'Stephens County' is on the entablature. The cross plan of the two story building with basement has corner pavilions that project from a center core. The whole structure has an octagonal ribbed dome with hooded clocks (E. Howard clock) and a lantern. The dome rises from a square base and on the second stage directly under the clocks has arched windows enclosed by coupled pilasters and a pediment. This motif is repeated around the dome and echoes the design of the main facade. Today it still towers over the town and is very near the new downtown shopping mall.

Upstairs, the courtroom's elaborate pressed metal ceiling has been left intact. Designwise, the most impressive feature of this ceiling is a recessed shallow rectangle directly under the exterior dome. Colored glass squares of soft shades of green, yellow, and pink in the transoms of the windows give a muted glow. Modern additions such as comfortable jury chairs, microphones and sound equipment increase the usefulness of the room as a court of law.

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SIGNIFICANCE:

Although the design of the immediate downtown area has been altered, the courthouse is still located in the area around which business activity revolves, just as it did in 1907.



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STEPHENS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

MAILING ADDRESS:

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Stephens County Courthouse  
Courthouse Square  
Toccoa, Georgia 30577